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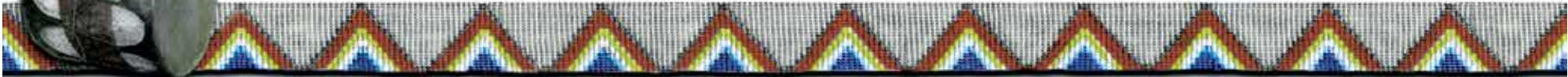
IN MEMORIAM



Jimmy R. Newton Jr. 1976–2014

Jimmy Newton passed away Monday, March 31, 2014. Elected chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in December 2011, he became the youngest person ever to hold the office. But he will be remembered as more than that: He was a son. A husband. A father. A dear friend. A lover of children. A shoulder to cry on. A Ute.

In this issue, we remember the many things he was to the people whose lives he touched.



HE WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

Southern Ute tribal chairman walks on

Staff report
SU INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

With deep sadness, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe announced on Tuesday, April 1 that Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, who was also a former vice chairman and Tribal Council member, passed away following a recent illness.

The Tribal Council is stunned and grief-stricken at the passing of its young leader and expressed its support for his wife, daughter and family.

“Chairman Newton served this tribe and its members for

over a decade. He dedicated his career to helping his fellow Tribal Council and all enrolled members of the tribe,” said Vice Chairman James M. Olguin. “His passing leaves us without our veteran leader and with a huge hole in the heart of all who worked with or knew him.”

Under the tribe’s constitution, a special election will be called within 60 days to fill the vacancy in the office of the chairman. Until then, the vice chairman will exercise the authority of the chairman’s office.

“We will mourn Chairman Newton, but we will also honor him, his leadership, and his legacy by continuing our hard work to strengthen our tribe and support our members,” Olguin said.



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OFFICIAL OBITUARY

NEWTON – Jimmy R. Newton Jr., Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and resident of Ignacio, Colorado, died at Mercy Medical Center in Durango, Colorado, on Monday March 31, 2014, of an undisclosed illness.

Mr. Newton – or, as his friends liked to call him, “JimBo” – was born to Jimmy and Elaine Newton on September 18, 1976.

JimBo attended and graduated from Ignacio High School in 1995. He was an active member of the wrestling team and was a lifelong supporter of the Ignacio School District. Later in 1995, he received his only child, Maylon Kaye Newton. Throughout his years in school, teachers and students alike applauded his leadership qualities.

JimBo loved comic books; his favorite comic book characters were Wolverine from the X-Men and the Incredible Hulk. His mom said when JimBo was little, “Hulk” was the first word he learned to write and soon it was written all over the walls in the hallway.

In his spare time, JimBo loved the powwow circuit. He belonged to many drum groups around Indian Country, but his drum group was Yellow Jacket, born of his brothers from the Southern Ute Rez. While sitting at home on a weekend watching his beloved Denver Broncos or the Oklahoma Sooners, JimBo also loved to do arts and crafts. He is well known for his powwow regalia: he made items such as barrettes, earrings and plumes, but his specialty was peyote stitching. He was a talented artist and earned his degree in Visual Graphic Design at Al Collins College in Tempe, Arizona, where he met his wife, Flora Murphy.

Upon graduating college and before he was elected to Tribal Council, JimBo moved back home to Ignacio where he got a job with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a Reporter/Photographer for The Southern Ute Drum, the Tribe’s newspaper. He loved the newspaper, and after being elected to Tribal Council in 2003 he always has a soft spot for the Drum. He always took the opportunity to give back to the community; JimBo was a volunteer flag football coach and a wrestling coach and taught culture and tradition to the youth at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the Ignacio schools. JimBo always had time for the youth in the community; seeing kids happy always put a smile on his face. The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council was one of the projects that he wanted to see come to fruition. He was able to see that happen in February 2014.

JimBo loved his Ute people, culture, and the state of Colorado, “the original homeland of the Utes,” as he would always say. He woke up every morning with “Nuuciu” in his heart. He worked hard for his people and enjoyed the time he got to spend interacting with them. He lived by his own motto: “Live for knowledge and always know where you come from.”

He is survived by his wife Flora Murphy-Newton of Ignacio, his Daughter Maylon Kaye Newton of Ada, Oklahoma, his parents Jimmy R. Newton Sr. and Elaine Newton of Ignacio, Colorado, his maternal grandparents, Ray and Josie Olguin, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as many “brothers” and “sisters” of the traditional way. He also leaves behind a Corgi named Cedar, a Chihuahua named Selena, and two Dachshunds named Kevin, aka “Big Kev,” and Seawn Boy. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Tom and Jane Newton, uncle Darrell Newton and life mentor Orian L. Box. May the Creator walk beside you on your journey, Brother JimBo.

Services will be on Friday, April 4, 2014, at 9 a.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Events Center at 14324 US Hwy 172 North in Ignacio, Colorado and a burial will follow at Ouray Memorial Cemetery. Please send flowers to the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s April 10 general meeting has been canceled.



HE WAS TRADITIONAL.



courtesy Maylon Newton

My name is Henry Howell. I am one of the Sun Dance leaders for the Northern Ute Tribe from the Uintah & Ouray Indian Reservation in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

I have been friends with Jim Newton for several years; we met through the Powwow Trail when traveling to Ignacio for annual powwows and ceremonial gatherings. I have always had a strong impression that Jim loved his Ute people, and he was always strong willed about his spiritual beliefs.

He loved to sweat and sing Sun Dance and powwow songs, and one of his biggest dreams was to chicken dance. He often mentioned this in many of the conversations we shared.

He was very kind hearted. He always shared what he could with his people and always put others first. He never held back when it came to an elder, and he was known for being considerate.

Our last conversation was about his concern for his family, his mother and father, the wife and child he left behind. Even toward the end, he was thinking of his family.

I know that with his passing, he will be greatly missed by the Southern Ute Tribe, for he was a great leader, father, husband, brother, son and friend. In my heart I know I will miss my brother, and I send prayers to the family of Jimmy Newton.

– Henry Howell



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Big Jim was a friend of my kids, Sheila, Jake and Tim (BFF). They traveled the powwow road together, and that’s how I got to know him. In his younger days, Jim was like all adolescents: fiery, carefree, but respectful at the appropriate times – like at my house.

Through the years he and I built a solid friendship, and the trust between us grew. I found out he was a protector for the drum groups and the ultimate guide. He never needed a map to find a powwow; he never got lost. They always would make it home safe.

He became “Jimmy the Fig Newton,” and he always had a big teddy bear hug for me. I could almost feel a warm breeze as he would wave his big hand and say, “Hi-ya Ulee, how’s it going?” Then the stories would roll. We’d laugh at his bros from the drum groups, about myself, or about a moment in his day.

For those of you who didn’t get to know Jim: He was a big man. He would greet anyone with a smile and a firm handshake, or a big hug and a chuckle. Friendly, kind and supportive: The role of the chairman fit him well. I am proud of him, a 30-something and heading a tribe.

To me, he was a Sun Dancer who took a dream and ran with it. He never forgot about his friends and family, the drum groups, or us, the tribal members.

To Jimmy the Fig, I owe him many praises and thank-yous. Before he was chairman, he was here day and night singing and sending good prayers for the passing of my mother, Naomi, and also for my best friend, my partner, and husband, Mic.

Thank you Chairman Newton for laughing with me and accepting me for who I am and not how old I am.

He taught me to see through young eyes.

– Ula Gregory



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When Big Jim and I were in college, he in Arizona and I in Albuquerque, we used to talk on the phone at least twice a week and would hang out whenever we could. We would talk about what we would do after we graduated.

Neither of us would admit it, but I think we both planned to return home. I missed my family and he missed his. He used to always tell me he wanted to get his degree and do something fun and be a good role model to his daughter Maylon. He said he didn’t know if May would ever live in Colorado, but he would make sure she knew where she came from.

That was important to Big Jim, knowing where he came from. Many people would say Big Jim was a traditional person and in touch with his culture, but he would slightly disagree.

“For me, it’s not about being cultural. It’s not about being traditional. It’s just the way that I live my life, the things I do everyday when I get up. It’s about living the Ute life,” he said.

The way Big Jim lived life was, in my opinion, the reason he was such a great leader and a role model; not only to Maylon, but also to everyone who ever encountered a moment with Big Jim. He loved life and he loved being one of the Creator’s messengers to honor his family and his people.

May your spirit live on as wealthy in love as you did, my Brother Big Jim.

– Beth Santistevan



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Growing up, my father, Orian L. Box, was always doing artwork. He loved his culture; he wanted to make sure the youth knew how special it was to be Ute.

I was a young child when Jim would come spend time with my father. I considered Big Jim a big brother. After my father passed, he was always there for me. He promised my father he would always look out for my mother and me. He would tell me stories and be a shoulder to cry on.

Just as my father guided him, Jim strived to educate youth on the past and future of our people. In 2007, I had my son. I remember introducing Tavian to Big Jim as his uncle. He always checked on us, like any big brother would. I will miss those check-ins.

Big Jim was proud to be Ute. He cared for the youth; he wanted them to also be proud. Jim wanted to make things better for the future generations, like leaders long ago.

Jim approached my mother and I when he was running for Tribal Council, asking if he could use my father’s artwork for signs. He honored tradition by bringing a gift.

For four years, Big Jim honored my father with a men’s old-style Northern traditional special during the Tribal Fair. He did it because my father took him to powwows, taught him how to dance and how to make outfits.

Jim was also the chief volunteer officer for the tribe’s Boys & Girls Club. He advocated for the program to come to the reservation to give kids a positive place to go after school. Thanks to his perseverance, this past year saw the Native Summit, where all the Native clubs got together.

I will miss my brother Big Jim. I am thankful that just as my father was a mentor to him, he was a mentor to my son and me. He will be missed.

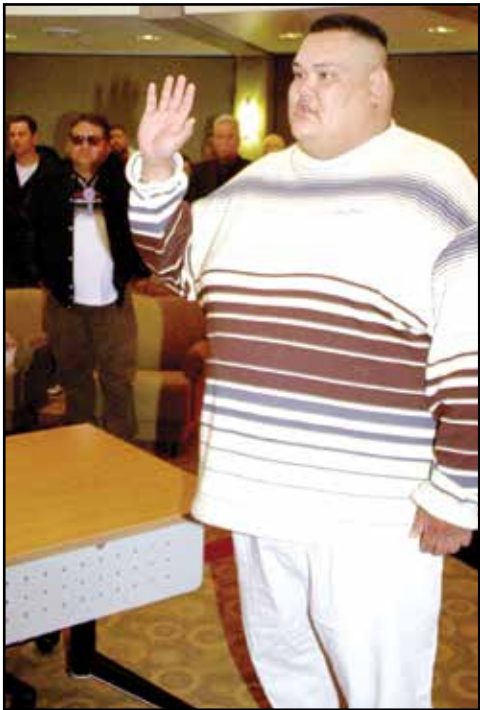
– Lindsay Box



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HE WAS A LEADER.

Jimmy Newton Jr. – my childhood friend, my classmate, my brother, my boss, and our tribal chairman – lived through loving his peers, family and native people. This young man enriched himself with the deepest respect for his elders, namely his uncle, the late Darrell Newton, and his cultural mentors, the late Orian Box, the late Gerald Howe, and the late Eddie Box Sr.

Throughout childhood, Jimmy always had the biggest smile to match his big heart to share among his friends and those who surrounded him. He had a passion for his comic books and his pets, but his identity was not far behind. I can remember growing up and attending our community powwows at the Southern Ute Head Start and Tim Ryder, Jake Ryder, Sheila Nanaeto (Ryder), Erica Howe, Robert Howe, Faren Burch and Conrad Thompson, “the Eagle Springs Drum Group,” would be there accompanied by the late Gerald and Daniella Howe, to put the powwow on for the local native community.

The days of powwow dancing practice at the old rec hall paid off for all of us as the local powwows gave Jimmy, who was a traditional dancer – along with us, the Southern Ute youth group – a chance to let our heritage shine together. Really good times and memories. I will cherish those forever.

Jimmy was a year behind me throughout our childhood schooling, and he always identified himself with his Native people, through participation in cultural events, celebrations and Native American awareness activities, and through daily interactions with the local community and Indian Country. He will forever be remembered for his loyalty and dedicated heart to his people, his family, and those who were fortunate to cross paths with such a beautiful person.

God bless you, Big Jim. You will be loved and remembered forever.

— Amy Barry



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When Jim first came onto the council, he came to talk with me. His thoughts were really for the people, and he had all this enthusiasm for the people. He was really young and he was proud of that, that he made it into council. He was really happy about that.

He really cared about the young people; he really cared about the children – not only the tribal kids, but within the community. Whatever interests they had, he supported them.

One thing that we really talked about was this Boys & Girls Club that came to reality. We got a group of people together and we went to these conferences to see just exactly what this Boys & Girls Club was all about. He gave a lot to that.

Running for the chairmanship, he really wanted to see if he could succeed because of the things that he saw; he wanted to make some changes. He realized some of it was difficult. I supported him, told him it’s OK.

He was just a really kind individual – really respected his cultural ways, really was into his singing and things like that. He was a great leader. Whether people disagreed with him or not, that young man tried.

In the time that I spent with Jim, I really got to know him, really joked a lot. He used to say I could be so mean. We would always text each other.

He always would say “We’re the Nuuciu.” We should remember him by that.

— Joycelyn Dutchie



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Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. began every morning with a cup of coffee, a little more sugar than cream, but a kick start all the same to a productive day. His work never ended because the vision for his people was great. He was dedicated to the membership and an inspiration to staff.

Chairman had a big heart, full of kindness. He saw the best in each employee, focused on their strengths, and had the ability to motivate them to contribute to the “bigger picture.”

He was a mentor and a friend. We, as employees, are fortunate to have been part of his team. We should all be so thankful to work for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, but appreciate that we were in the presence of a great leader.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work so closely with Jim, to have been witness to his accomplishments and his struggles, to see him receive praise so humbly, and to sometimes withstand criticism so harsh. He made me proud to be on his staff and most of all proud to be Ute.

His usual at closing time was, “I’ll see you tomorrow.” Although he won’t be there the next time I look to his office, the memories and teachings will forever be with me. And so at the end of each day, the best part is knowing that we too, were a part of his family.

— Sunshine Flores



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As chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, it is with deep sadness and high honor that I write about the life of a visionary leader, a strong voice for his people. I put pen to paper to write a tribute to a great, young, farsighted leader and a true friend. We all will mourn the loss of Chairman Jim Newton Jr. for a long time.

On behalf of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, its council and its membership, we wish to express our sympathy, prayers and our thoughts to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, its council, its membership, and our many relatives on the Southern Ute Reservation.

He brought to his council the views of a young man dedicated to his tribe and its people. He never left out the other Ute sister tribes and their wishes and goals. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and its Tribal Council is very honored to have worked with Chairman Newton throughout these years on a government-to-government basis and on a tribe-to-tribe basis along with the Northern Ute Tribe of Utah.

He kept his goals within the comprehensive planning that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe set forward for its future. Jim always had visions for the future and used the knowledge of his past oral traditions and family to achieve those goals. Past leaders were his role models, and he looked to them as mentors and valued their advice to accomplish many successful projects during his administration.

He was a role model for the children in the Southern Ute schools; his belief was in the youth who will become the leaders of the future. He showed by example what education and knowledge could achieve. His record in council and as chairman attests to this.

His projects with youth – whether the Tri-Ute Games, NAIG, school sports, or the recent development of the tribal youth council – were among many goals achieved.

Chairman Newton became an excellent speaker before the federal and state governmental agencies, at the tribal leaders summit in Washington, D.C., and in any forum to further tribal objectives. He took Ute legislative issues to the highest governmental level and stood his ground to achieve, protect and exercise tribal sovereignty. As sister Ute tribes and the only two recognized tribes within the state of Colorado, many issues were addressed by both Ute chairmen and the Ute tribal councils for the betterment of their tribal members.

As the youngest Tribal Council member ever elected, he was way beyond his years in his vision for all Utes.

— Manuel Heart



HE WAS A MENTOR.



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If we are lucky in our working lives, we come across compassionate bureaucracy. Someone who gives you more than a minute of their time and has a keen interest in the subject matter and a willingness to “grease the skids” on behalf of those who need a hand up.

While an individual’s issues dominate most discussions with politicians, it was always refreshing to speak with a councilman who profoundly cared about how you were doing in your service to the membership. In my case, the subject matter was youth and programs pertaining to education. The compassionate bureaucrat I refer to was Jim Newton.

Jim knew kids and kids knew Jim. After impromptu meetings in tribal parking lots or along a gravel road, I knew the youth would have an ally when one was needed. Someone who would speak on their behalf with conviction when the time came. I would see him in attendance enjoying youth in their sports, cultural and educational activities.

Invariably, there would be youngsters getting high-fives from “Big Jim” for their efforts. I am sure that there are young adults who participate in drum groups because Jim cared about their connection to culture.

It was a pleasure to see Jim grow from a teenager that would hang around my house on occasion to a leader who kept youth as a focus, but it is hard to know that generations of kids lost a leader who dared to care about them.

— Arnold Santistevan

I had the pleasure of growing up with Jim and having him as a friend. He truly cared and talked to everyone from the heart.

This was apparent while the YAFL football program was young and in need. While the community of Ignacio was getting the program started and stabilized, Jim was right there to help. Just how he showed care for people growing up, he cared for all the kids. He knew we needed help and was one of the first to volunteer his time.

He would coach the linemen and pass on techniques we had learned in high school. More importantly, he would coach the kids about responsibilities they had to each other and to themselves.

It was no surprise he had a wonderful relationship with the kids, and they all respected him. Jim was always willing to help the team and the kids with whatever was needed. He would help with equipment, jerseys, shoes, and even socks if a player needed them.

He just wanted the kids to feel comfortable and have the chance to play ball. He was always the crisis management coach and would get to the bottom of the kids’ issues. Even though no one could ever knock him around when he held the hitting dummy, they sure loved to try.

Jim was one of the nicest, easiest-going guys I knew. I respect how he treated everyone his whole life. I will miss our conversations, our laughs, and that big smirk he would give when you first seen him. You will be missed by many, Big Jim.

— Eric Silva

During Jim Newton’s early years in his Southern Ute tribal government career, he purchased a drum and donated it for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students’ use. The boys had been receiving drum instruction from John Oberly, but when he left the academy he had to take his drum – so hearing about this need, Jim purchased a drum and donated it for the use of drum instruction for the SUIMA students.

He also would come over to give instruction when he had time, but when he couldn’t make it one of the Yellow Jacket/12 Gauge drum group members would step in and take his place. I see this as only one of the examples he set pointing out the fact he greatly valued his tribal culture and the tribal youth. The students enjoyed seeing him around the campus as he came and visited or had lunch with Billy Jack and the students.

He will be greatly missed by all SUIMA students and staff.

— Carol Baker Olguin



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Jim touched not one, but all the youth, in one way or another. Throughout his career and even before his career, he was youth oriented. He was always doing something for those kids. He always went back and gave back to the wrestling program at the Ignacio High School. I know he’s helped kids out of pocket personally so they could go to camps.

I told my 3-year-old daughter that Big Jim went to heaven, and she said “Dada, what are all the children going to do? What are we going to do now?” It just shows how he touched kids. He was a big man and they looked up to him. He had a big heart, and those kids recognized that. It really means a lot to me that he’s done that. They’ll always remember him.

He learned that from his elders and he passed that on to the kids. He was always teaching tradition to them. He would go out there and show them his artifacts, his regalia, and he would explain what they meant so that they understood.

Anything that he would do for the kids, he would do it. He would always tell me, “It’s for the kids!” It’s going to be hard to fill those shoes, but I think that’s one of our goals is to try to reach our kids in a manner that Chairman Newton did.

— Alex S. Cloud

There are two memories that I would like to share about tribal Chairman Newton. My first memory of Big Jim came when he was junior in high school and the heavyweight wrestler for the Bobcats. That year, I was assisting Mark Hensley as a coach for the team.

The squad had to travel to Montrose for regionals. It was a tough regional and Jim qualified for state, securing fourth place. I remember how emotional Jim was right after he realized that he was a state qualifier. He knew his parents would be proud, and he mentioned that he was following right in the footsteps of his dad, who had also been a state-qualifying wrestler in high school.

That year I noted that Jim had some qualities that I admired: determination, hard work, a fun-loving attitude, and a sense of pride in himself and his family. As Jim grew in his leadership positions with the tribe, we maintained contact and had a mutual respect for one another. He continued to reach out to the students, especially those involved in NAYO and wrestling.

My most poignant memory of Jim would have to be when he came to the Ignacio Middle School to put on an assembly for all the students this past year. I was unsure of exactly the type of presentation Jim was going to conduct, but I knew it would be interesting.

Jim and Flora showed up in a big truck full of personal artifacts that he wished to share with the students. After all the items were placed on three tables, the students gathered in the new gymnasium. Jim began explained each individual item and its importance.

Everyone in the gym was fascinated by the stories he shared. It was the first time many of the students at the school had ever had insight into the chairman and his Southern Ute culture. Jim was very well spoken, patient and respectful as he shared things close to his heart.

He gave us all a gift that day: an example of leadership by giving of oneself to the youth of our community. I will miss Big Jim. I really respected the mild-mannered-but-determined way he used his words and actions to emphasize unity and pride within our community. He left a legacy of mutual respect that I hope will guide us all in the future.

— Christopher W. deKay



courtesy La Titia Taylor/SU Education Dept.

When I became the director of Higher Education in 1999, I had the privilege of meeting and advising Jimmy Newton Jr. as a student in the Southern Ute Scholarship Program, letting him know he was doing a good job and to hang in there.

Jimmy was about 21 years of age. On a routine student visit, I met Jimmy in Tempe, Ariz., where he was attending college. I took him out to dinner and we talked about his courses and what he wanted to do with his life. He explained that one day he would like to go back to the tribe and work for the Drum.

He obtained a bachelor’s degree in visual communication from the Al Collins Graphic Design School in the spring of 2001. He also mentioned that maybe one day he would run for Tribal Council. Wow! Who would have thought that it would become a reality, and as our youngest chairman?

As an older tribal member, I watched him grow into the man and leader he became. I’m so proud of Jim’s accomplishments. His compassion for the youth is incomparable! He gave hundreds of dollars out of his own pocket to help community students attend camps and educational experiences.

As the chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe, ironically, he started giving me advice, telling me to hang in there and “You’re doing a good job.” We were fortunate to have such a great leader!

— La Titia Taylor



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HE WAS CONNECTED.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from Newton's candidate statement that appeared in the Drum when he first ran for Tribal Council in 2003.

It's that time of year to elect two council members for the next three years. My name is Jim R. Newton Jr., a member of the Capote Band. I have decided to run for one of the two council seats.

I had a chance to look back at some of the past council members that influenced me to run for Tribal Council, to represent the people, and to hopefully shape me into a leader one day. I remember the late Orian Box, who taught me the traditional ways of the Utes. Mr. Box and myself used to work at the old band room, working on feather work, paintings, drawings and traditional outfits.

The late Gerald Howe was another past council member who showed me the way and traditions of the Utes, with Mr. Howe always stressing to be proud of who we are and try to live a humble life. Past council member Eddie Box Sr. was also a teacher of the traditional and spiritual ways. Mr. Box taught me about the Sun Dance when I was a young man.

You might ask why I am talking about these past council members. Well, it's the fact all these men were traditional people, who taught traditional and spiritual knowledge to the young people, and were leaders of the tribe. These men inspired me to try to become a leader, and help the people.

We should always remember the past leaders who built this foundation for us and take what they have taught us and incorporate in into the new ways we live. We are Pino Nuche first, before anything else.

I am running for Tribal Council to represent us, the people. We all know the issues and some are being addressed, but we need a Tribal Council to interact with the people and find out what's going on in the heart of the rez.

A good leader will utilize his people and bring unity back to the people so they can prosper. A good leader will not have a personal gain in mind but only gain for the people. These are the things we need to look for in our Tribal Council.

*Thank you,
Jim R. Newton Jr.*



Jimmy R. Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

NEWTON REPORTS IN 2003

Utes in fashion

**By Jimmy R. Newton Jr.
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM**

The Southern Ute Museum and Culture Center hosted its 2nd Ute Fashion show at the Fort Lewis College Ballroom on August 23rd. The fashion show featured both traditional and contemporary clothing, and all three Ute Tribes were represented at the show, with each Tribe having its own models.

The show started off with a prayer by Southern Ute Tribal Elder Bennett Thompson, who also served as one of the models for the Southern Ute part of the show.

Indian Comedian Drew Lacapa, Apache from Fort Apache, Arizona, later created a lot of laughter within the audience. Lacapa's show coincided with the serving of a Buffalo Feast.

Up first was the Northern Ute tribe, showing some traditional outfits. Most of the traditional side of the show brought out treasured bead work that had been created back in the days when the current grandmas were young daughters. From traditional style to fancy dance style, the Northern Utes showed their creative styles.

Next was the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, which also showed its own style of traditional outfits. A Ute traditional Turkey Dance outfit was

modeled by Tony Tallbird Jr. to bring out some of the old dance regalia from the past, along with other outfits that had their own history.

Last up on the run way was the Southern Ute Tribe's portion of the show. Like the other tribes, the old style was brought out, featuring dresses and buckskin shirts that had been made by local craftsmen and women of the Tribe.

The show ended with the contemporary fashions which were also modeled by the same models from the traditional segment. Contemporary designs were choices by Native American owned companies, such as Rez Dog form Norman, Oklahoma, Native Threads from California, and Red Lady from Arizona. The fashions getting the spotlight during this segment of show were T-shirts, caps, jackets and sportswear.

A silent action was held on the evening of the Fashion Show, and proceeds from that were included with box office proceeds to raise money for the new Southern Ute Museum and Culture Center.

Museum Technician Tim Ryder was asked by the Drum, what he thought of the show. Ryder answered "I thought it turned out great, and for the staff of the museum it was a great effort that we put into getting ready for the show."

Jimmy's Drum photography



photos Jimmy R. Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

Fresh out of college, Newton worked at The Southern Ute Drum as a reporter/photographer in 2002 and 2003 before running for Tribal Council. The Drum archives contain many great photos he took, just a couple of which we thought we'd share. The original caption for this photo, from 2003: "A sticky situation... On a recent sunny Sunday this porcupine was just hanging out in a tree along Rainbow Road, perhaps anticipating the coming of spring."



Alden Naranjo Jr. delivers a speech in 2003 at the dedication ceremony for the Southern Ute Veterans Monument at the Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction, Colo. Newton made the trip to cover the event as reporter/photographer for the Drum.



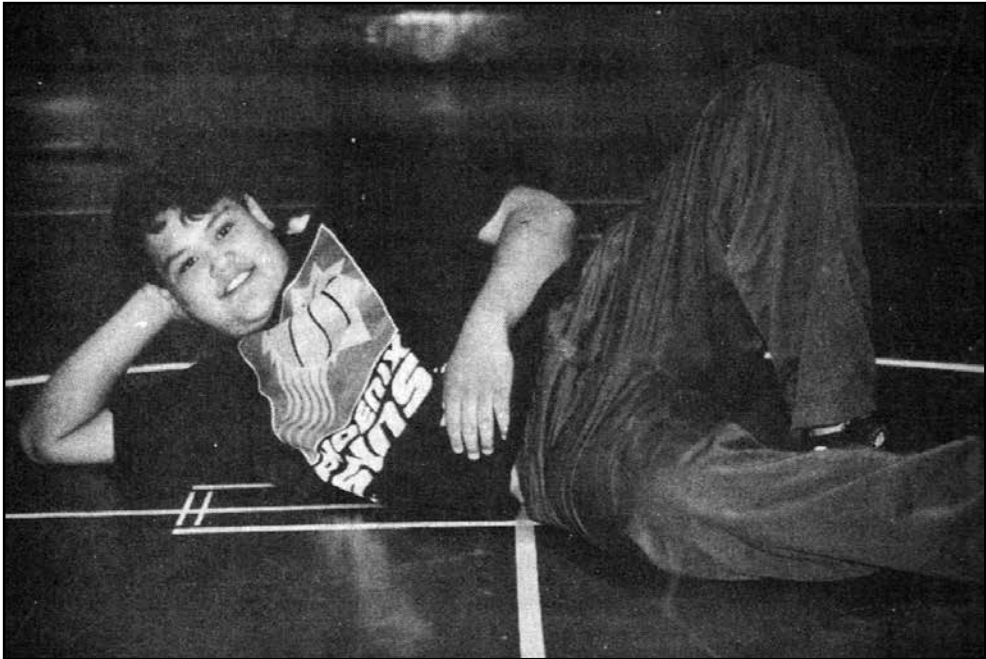
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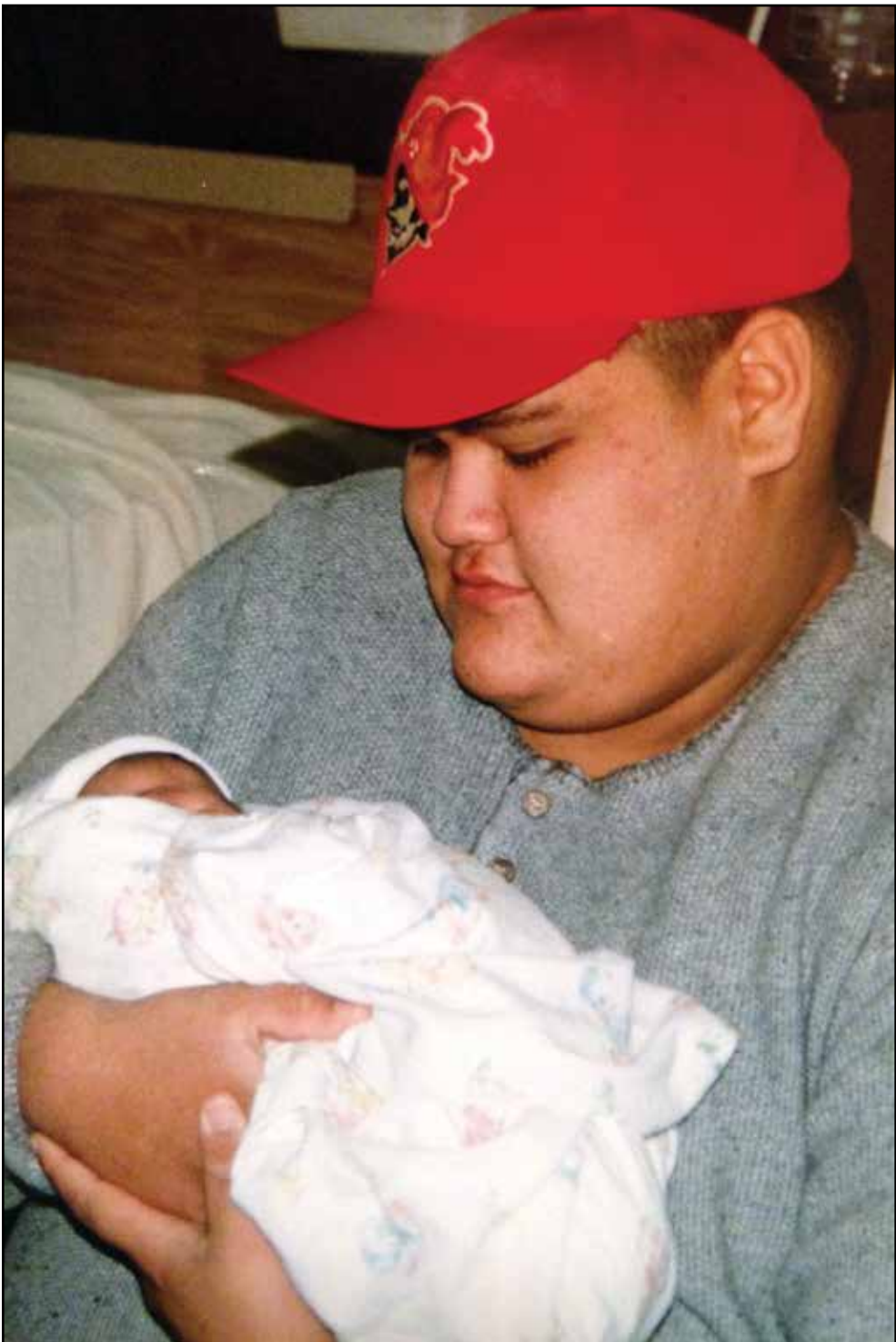
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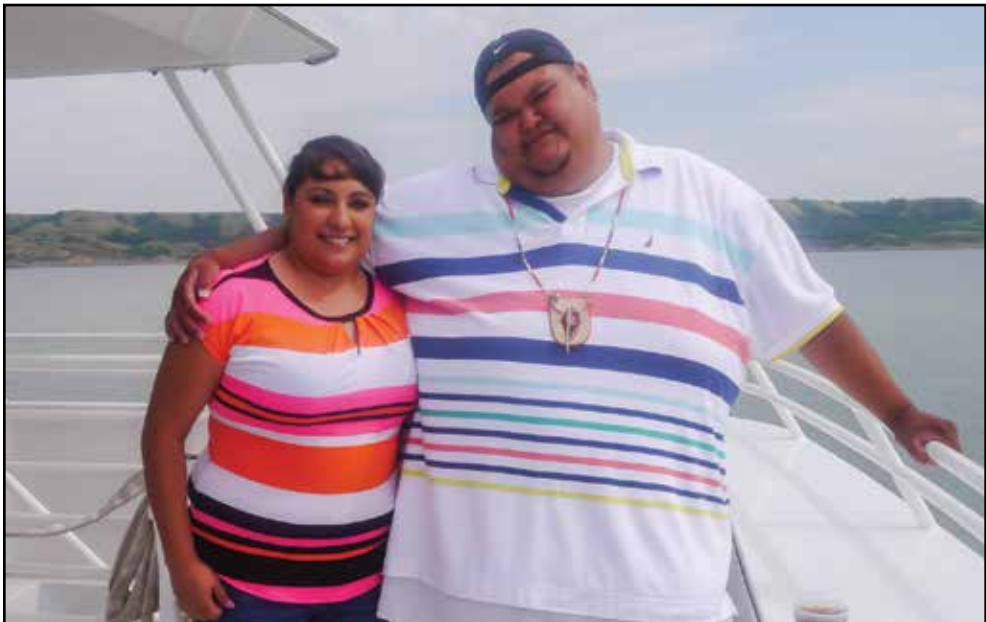
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HE WILL BE REMEMBERED.



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Southern Ute Acting Chairman James M. Olguin (second from right) and son Matthew (right) meet with Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper (center) and Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia at the Colorado State Capitol on Thursday, March 20.

Leaders from the three Ute tribes pose for a photo following the Tri-Ute Council meeting at the History Colorado Center in Denver on Thursday, March 20.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Sister tribes meet in Denver for Tri-Ute, CCIA meetings

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Council members from the three Ute tribes came together in Denver on March 20-21 for the quarterly Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and Tri-Ute Council meetings.

The trip started at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver on Thursday, March 20. Introduced to the Senate were members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and royalty. Members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe were introduced to the House of Representatives.

The Tri-Ute meeting kicked off the busy two-day slate. Vice Chairman James M. Olguin opened with updates on new health care benefit cards, tribal member employment, Internet access, housing, tribal IDs and education.

The first topic open for discussion to the tribes was health care.

Southern Ute Executive Officer Amy Barry updated the committee on health care developments within the tribe. "We provide medical health insurance to all our tribal members," Barry said.

Olguin then went into detail about the health benefit cards and the new expansion of the Southern Ute Health Clinic.

Chairman Gordon Howell of the Northern Ute Tribe expressed the health goals for his tribe.

"We want health insurance for all our people. We want to try to find a way to get non-tribal-member kids to

be eligible for health care," he said, referring to descendants of tribal members.

Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart explained to the committee that his tribe is doing what it can to get tribal members signed up for insurance by the March 31 Affordable Care Act deadline.

Education of the youth was also high on the Tri-Ute agenda. Each tribe shared what they are doing to engage the youth.

Ute Mountain is encouraging its youth by offering an incentive.

"The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is taking an honor roll trip for our high school students. They have to have good grades and good attendance before they are eligible," Heart said. "We want to educate young people. Our voters are getting younger and younger and we need to educate them on what's going on on the reservation."

Olguin announced that Southern Ute Tribal Council recently swore in the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Board. Olguin said the board is designed to educate youth on the duties of the council and to also serve as the voice for tribal youth.

The Ute Indian Tribal Council members explained how they plan to use their relationship with the University of Utah to help motivate young tribal members.

Howell said the university's football team invited the Ute Youth Program to interact with its players at

the spring scrimmage game. The youth will be able to talk with players about college and the importance of staying in school, he said.

Southern Ute Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks then discussed the Southern Ute Tribe's future plans to provide home mortgage loans to tribal members.

"It's a way we can address our housing issue," GoodTracks said.

The council is hopeful that program will be available soon, GoodTracks said.

In the past, Ute Mountain allocated up to \$50,000 for each elder to fix up his or her home, Heart said.

Currently, that funding is

dwindling and Heart said it is up to the council whether it wants to renew the program.

Howell said Northern Ute has put \$5 million toward tribal housing and has recently built a senior center for the membership.

CCIA

The meetings continued on Friday, March 21. The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, chaired by Lt. Governor Joseph A. Garcia and including other state officials, met with leaders from the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute tribes to discuss inter-governmental issues.

A big win for both tribes

was the success of House Bill 14-1080.

"House Bill 1080 passed unanimously," said Monte Mills, head of the Southern Ute legal department. "We expect it to be on the governor's desk by the end next week."

Once the bill is signed, members of the two tribes will be tax exempt from vendors on the reservation and vendors off the reservation that deliver a good or service to a tribal member on the reservation.

The bill also includes tax exemptions on the sale of motor vehicles. As long as the vehicle is registered to a reservation address, the purchase is exempt of state and use tax.

Ernest House Jr., executive director of Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, said he hopes Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper will make a trip to southwest Colorado to sign the bill.

Southern Ute council members and Julie Westendorff of the La Plata County Board of Commissioners commended each other on the success of the global agreement regarding rights-of-way of county roads on the reservation.

Before the agreement, it was very confusing which roads the county should maintain. A lot of the confusion came from the layout of the checkerboard Southern Ute Reservation, GoodTracks said.

"It was an opportunity for us to cooperate and ensure good roads. ... We're excited. It was a very long time in the making," Westendorff.

Sister tribes also provided health and education updates.

The Southern Ute Tribe spoke about the success of the tribal health benefit cards as well as a future community health assessment for tribal members. State health officials offered their assistance to both tribes and let Ute Mountain know the March 31 deadline for the Affordable Care Act didn't pertain to enrolled Native Americans.

Juanita PlentyHoles, vice chairwoman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, brought her concerns on education to the table. She asked for help or suggestions on how to better the education system for special-needs students. PlentyHoles said children with special needs are often overlooked in the classroom because the lack of training and resources.

Attendees offered suggestions and possible funding opportunities.

House and Ed Nichols of History Colorado announced a plan to offer two year-long internships to Ute students to work at the History Colorado Center in Denver. They also plan to offer internships to three Ute students from each Ute tribe to work at the Ute museum in Montrose, Colo.

According to House, the internships can fit almost all career paths, and he encouraged the youth to apply once the internships become available.

"It's important to utilize the partnership. The internships will help open doors for tribal members to other state agencies," he said.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty members accompanied Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Councilman Malcolm Lehi, Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart, and Southern Ute Councilman Alex S. Cloud on the steps of the Colorado State Capitol in Denver on Thursday, March 20. The council and royalty members were introduced to the House of Representatives.

Denver March Powwow



Members of Sister's Nation Color Guard march with the Ute Mountain Ute tribal flag in a grand entry ceremony on Friday, March 21.

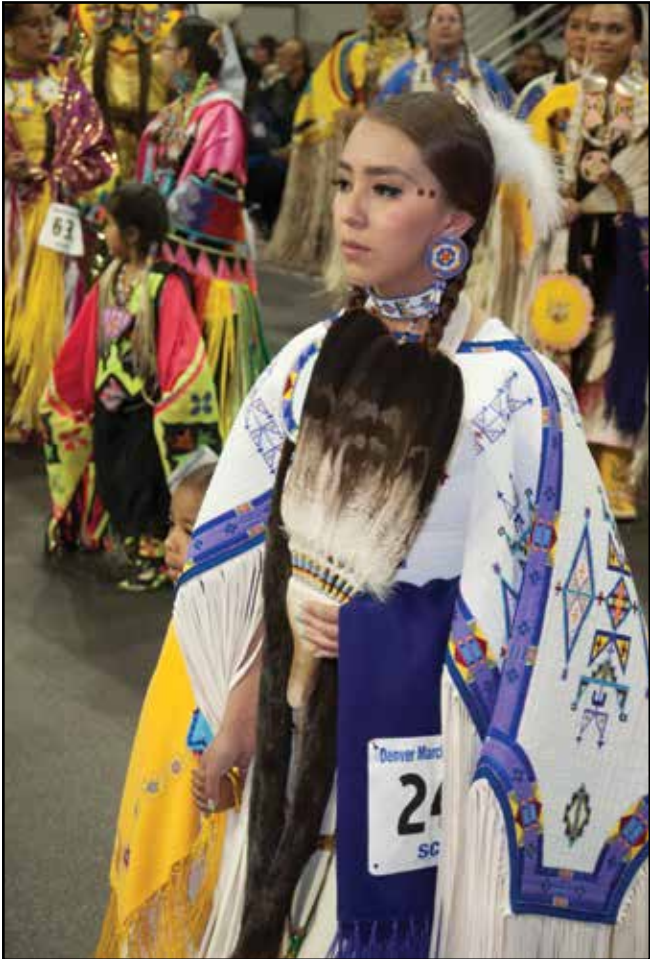


Southern Ute Royalty members await their turn to join the grand entry.

Bright colors and the beat of drums filled the Denver Coliseum during the annual Denver March Powwow on March 21-23. All three Ute tribes were represented at the event, which signals the kickoff of powwow season nationally each year.

More Denver March Powwow photo coverage online at www.sudrum.com

Photos by Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute tribal member Brianna Goodtracks-Alires in traditional regalia.



TECH TALK

Tribal communication services from Rattlesnake Hill

By Mick Souder
SU MANAGEMENT
INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPT.

This month the Southern Ute Indian Tribe began wireless services using a tribally owned communication tower on Rattlesnake Hill above Ignacio.

These services will eventually include providing data connections from off-campus tribal government buildings to the main Permanent Fund campus, connecting business units of the tribe to each other, "backhauling" data traffic between Ignacio and Durango where communication service providers have their facilities, providing access for regional Internet service providers to the Ignacio market, extending the range of emergency radio communications, and offering wireless Internet to tribal

members through a partner, Brainstorm Internet.

Using a communication tower to perform these functions is more cost effective than disturbing the earth to lay cable. It allows the tribe to better control its communication infrastructure and is often easier to maintain. The 100-foot height of the tower will reach the tribal government and business buildings that need to connect in Ignacio, connect Ignacio buildings to some of the outlying areas, and reach many tribal members who might want wireless Internet.

Currently the tower is being used to connect the Wastewater Program to the Growth Fund building. The Growth Fund is also in the process of installing connections between its building and the Water Treatment Plant, the Hauled Water Program and the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

In April, the Permanent Fund will connect its Leonard C. Burch Build Data Center with Construction Services, Education, Food Distribution, Wood Yard, Animal Control and Tribal Housing.

Also beginning in April, the tribe is partnering with Brainstorm Internet to provide 3-Mbps and 5-Mbps Internet from the Rattlesnake Hill Tower and other locations currently served by Brainstorm. Brainstorm is offering a 20-percent discount on its normal pricing to tribal members.

For more information on this service or to place an order, tribal members are encouraged to contact Brainstorm Internet at 970-247-1442 in Durango, 505-326-1010 in Farmington, or the toll-free number at 877-651-6299, or visit the website at <http://gobrainstorm.net>.

Here's ol' Tom Dooley & Co.



courtesy Williamette Thompson

Williamette Thompson, revenue auditor with Red Willow Production Co., submitted this photo of turkeys near County Road 321, taken Tuesday, March 25.

Elders Services April Activities

- April 7: Farmington shopping trip, van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- April 8: Shawl making class at the culture museum from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those that participate need to show up for all classes.
- April 10: Ute Mountain Casino, Towaoc field trip, van will be leaving at 9:30 am.
- April 15: Shawl making class at the culture museum from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 18: Elder Luncheon at the Cultural Center & Museum from 12 to 2 p.m. Movie: Pow-Wow Highway.
- April 24: Movie day in Durango (Please call for showing)
- April 28: Durango shopping, trip van will be leaving at 9:30 a.m.

All trips are subject to change without prior notice.

If you have any questions please call the Elder Services Office at 970-563-0156.



Shining Mountain Diabetes Program

4-week Spring Series Diabetes Education Classes

Once a week starting April 9
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Southern Ute Cultural Center
Large Classroom

Food will be provided

No Pre-Registration Required

April 9 Healthy Pantry
(tentative, please call to confirm date)

April 17 Building Muscle to Lose Weight

April 23 Ups & Downs of A1C

May 1 Family Time

Save the Date:

Walking For Healthier Nations
May 9, 2014

Just Move It!
Walk and Run
May 17, 2014

For More Information call 563.4741

NEWS IN BRIEF

LIGHTNING UPGRADES EARN TRIBE \$9,000

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently received a rebate of more than \$9,000 from the La Plata Electric Association for lighting upgrades performed in 2013 and early 2014. The upgrades resulted in the greatest energy savings at the Motor Pool, Custom Farms & Water Resources, and Detention and Justice & Regulatory buildings. Building Maintenance Division Electricians Marshall Cote and Calvin King and Maintenance Technician Travis Nanaeto performed the work.

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

Southern Ute Tribal Members, Be sure to check your mailboxes because the Southern Ute Growth Fund will be mailing out an Employment Survey to help recruit Southern Ute Tribal Members into full time, part time or temporary positions within the Growth Fund. Any contact information provided, name, telephone number or email, will be used to contact you regarding potential positions. Your participation in answering these questions is greatly appreciated and as an incentive for your input, those that provide their name and contact information before June 2, 2014 will be entered to win a \$10 iTunes card or a \$10 Subway card. There is an online version if you would prefer to participate that way at www.sugf.com in the News & Events section.

SPRING PRODUCE SALE

Contact the AG Division to place an order at 970-563-0220. Orders due April 18 by 5 p.m. Estimated delivery date is April 25.

Beans

- Pinto: 2# \$2; 4# \$3.25; 10# \$8; 20# \$15; 50# \$36
- Anasazi: 1# \$1.50; 4# \$4.50; 10# \$10; 20# \$19; 50# \$48

Potatoes

Sorry, red and gold potatoes not available in the Spring.

- Russet Potatoes: 5# \$1; 10# \$2; 50# \$9; Bakers 50# Box \$14

Flour

- Red Rose (Unbleached): 5# \$2.25; 10# \$4; 25# \$9.25; 50# \$18
- Blue Bird: 5# \$2.25; 10# \$4; 25# \$9.25; 50# \$18
- White Rose: 5# \$2.50; 10# \$4.50; 20# \$7.25; 50# \$18
- Blue Corn Meal – Unroasted: 3# \$2.25
- Whole Wheat Flour: 5# \$2.25; 10# \$4

WOODYARD SERVICES UPDATES

April 25 will be the last day for wood orders. May 5, 2014 will be the start of lawn service.

MOTORPOOL SELLING USED TIRES

Attention all Tribal Members. The Motor Pool has used tires for sale at a cost of \$5 each. Come by or call 970-563-0280 to see if we may have your size. All sales are as is and final.

SUPD AND VIN INSPECTIONS

Effective immediately the Southern Ute Police Department will adhere to the following protocols when conducting VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Inspections. All VIN Inspections will be conducted at the Southern Ute Police Department Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., excluding holidays observed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. When VIN Inspections are requested by tribal elders, officers will still continue to respond to their residence or other desired location during the above dates and times. The Southern Ute Police Department will provide VIN Inspections to Southern Ute tribal members free of charge; all other requesting parties will be required to pay a \$10 fee at the time the inspection is conducted. All VIN Inspection fees will be paid at the Southern Ute Police Department front desk. For more information or to request a VIN Inspection please contact SUPD at 970-563-0246.

SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBER LAW ENFORCEMENT NAMES

To all tribal members and family of tribal members, who have served in law enforcement. The Southern Ute Police Department is putting together a plaque to recognize all the Tribal Members who served under the Southern Ute Police Department. We are needing information on the names of the tribal members, to include dates served, ranks held and possible pictures, to complete the plaque. We would like to recognize officers, dispatchers and reserves. Please contact 970-563-0246 or come to the Southern Ute Police Department with the information by May 1, 2014, to ensure proper recognition for Law Enforcement Week, May 11 - 17, 2014. Please help to have our past Law Enforcement Tribal Members recognized.

Ignacio Parent/Community Conference

2014 Ignacio School District Parent/Community Conference

May 16, 2014

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Lunch provided

Location- Elementary School

The objective of this conference is to give parents, guardians, and community members a chance to become informed on specific topics about the Ignacio School District.

The session topics are as follows: 1). Understanding Test Scores / New Assessments, presenter Dr. Pokorney. 2). Moving to the Continuous Progress Model, presenter Mr. deKay and staff. 3). K-12 Counseling Program/ Student Support / Graduation Requirements, presenter District Counselors. 4). Food Service Presentation, presenter Kim Cotta. 5). Q & A with District Superintendent, Dr. Rocco Fuschetta. 6). Meet and Greet with School Board Members.

There will be three breakout sessions allowing a parent, guardian, or community member to choose three topics they would like to learn about.

Schedule:
9:00 am - 9:25 am. Introduction and guest Speaker
9:30 am - 10:10 am. Breakout session
10:15 am - 10:55 am. Breakout session
11:00 am - 11:40 am. Breakout session
11:45am - 12:00 pm. Debriefing/closing remarks 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Lunch

Lunch will be provided, please RSVP by May 1, to Annette Shonk, District Receptionist, at 970-563-0500 x 225.

Child care will be provided for ages preschool to 5th grade
Student 6th grade and above can attend breakout sessions



SUCAP Youth Services

hosts

AFTER SCHOOL 2014

Community Support is needed to make it happen each year!
Please provide the following items to the Ignacio Teen Center before April 20
and contribute to a SAFE night of FUN ACTIVITIES for our teens.
<Items will be discarded after event unless requested otherwise>

Couches or Benches in good shape

Clean throw pillows

Black lights, Strobe Lights, other Florescent Lights

White Christmas Lights that work

Glass/Clear Vases

Bakers to Donate/Deliver Assorted Desserts on 4/26

Donate any of these items, new or used, by contacting us ASAP.

<jchamblee@sucap.org or 970.563.4517>

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April 18

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April 14

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CULTURAL UPDATE

94TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR THEME AND LOGO CONTEST

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. would like to announce the 2014 logo and theme contest for the 94th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members. All medias of art will be accepted until May 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artists. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Department and will be featured on all items associated with the 94th Annual Southern Ute Fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Department or may write a short paragraph explaining the logo and theme which will be featured in the 2014 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Department PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or Contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator @ 970-563-0100 ext. 3624

CULTURE DEPT. APRIL CLASSES

Adult Classes

- April 8: Finish cape (no new students)
- April 15: Shawl making
- April 17: Finish shawls (no new students)
- April 22: Beading medallions & earrings
- April 29: Finish medallions & earrings (no new students)

Adult classes are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the cultural center small classroom. Classes fill-up quickly, all classes & activities are subject to change.

- **Conversational Ute with Alden**
April 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Potluck
- **Family Ute Class – youth activity**
April 6 and 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Givon Ute Language, reading and writing**
Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Elder Luncheon**
Friday, April 18, Noon-2 p.m. Movie: PowWow Highway (Speakers working)
- **Tribal Elder Shawl Making Classes**
April 8 and 15, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Gloria Frost to sign up.

BEAR DANCE CONCESSION RATES

The Culture Department will be taking applications for the upcoming Southern Ute Bear Dance Concession/Arts and Crafts booths, to be held at the Bear Dance grounds. This will NOT coincide with the Bear Dance Powwow. First come first serve!

The Costs are as follows:

- Daily Rate for Outside Corral Stand \$55
- Outside Corral Rate for (4 days) \$220
- Inside Corral Stand (4 days) - \$220 plus a \$25.00 Key Deposit (ABSOLUTELY NO INSIDE FLAME COOKING). Inside Corral Daily Rate is \$55 plus a \$25 key deposit. It is at the discretion of the Culture Department to put you in a Space, NO swapping or saving places will be allowed! If you will be applying for a food booth you must have a current food handler's card. You can apply for a food handler's card online at www.IHS.gov. You may pick up your application at the Southern Ute Culture Department. No checks or credit cards will be accepted, strictly cash or money order ONLY! For more information please contact Darlene Frost or Tara Vigil at Southern Ute Culture Department, 970-563-0100.

BEAR DANCE HEAD COOK WANTED

The Bear Dance Chief is looking for a head cook for the 2014 Southern Ute Bear Dance Feast. All supplies and food will be provided. Head cook will need to prepare: Stew, Corn, Fry Bread, Watermelon, and serve. A stipend will be provided. Southern Ute Tribal Member preference will be given for the head cook. If you are interested please call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

ATTENTION ALL NATIVE COOKS

The Culture Department Bison Instructor would like to learn your tips and tricks as well as recipes that you would like to donate or some tricks you would like to show, please visit the Culture Department located at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Monday through Thursday, 12-3 p.m. Tog'oiak', Thank you, Samantha Maez, Bison instructor.

SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Jr. Miss Southern Ute

Hello my fellow tribal members,

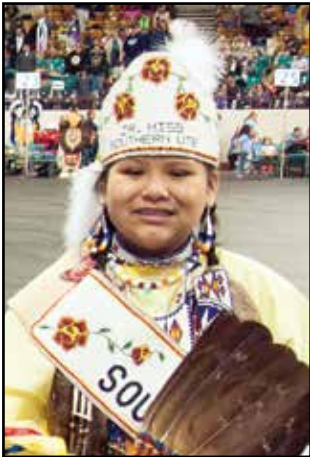
My name is Alexandria Lou-Marini Roubideaux; I am your current 2013-2014 Jr. Miss Southern Ute. I am Southern Ute, Kiowa, Caddo and Otoe.

I am the daughter of Michael and Mikki Roubideaux, sister to Kenda, Hailey, Seth and Kai Roubideaux. I have one new baby niece, Shayne Morning Star Roubideaux. I am the granddaughter of Dixie Naranjo and Julia Roubideaux and the late Eugene Naranjo and Murray Roubideaux.

My family and I lived in Carnegie, Okla., and I attended Carnegie Elementary School, where I was in the fourth grade. I have been on the principal's honor roll there twice this past year. I enjoy art, singing, drawing, playing sports, and playing Xbox.

Since being crowned at the annual Tribal Fair, I attended the following events and activities from September 2013 through March 2014.

Upon returning home, I



attended the annual Comanche Nation Fair Sept. 27-29, 2013, in Lawton, Okla. At the fair, I was able to see fellow tribal elder Alicia Armstrong and Joyce Armstrong, which was nice.

In October, I attended an anti-bullying workshop with my mother and father at the Iscani Tribal Housing Authority in Anadarko, Okla. To start the month of November and to honor our veterans, I attended the Carnegie Victory Club 70th annual Veterans Day Celebration in the Red Buffalo Hall at the Kiowa Complex. I was also an honored guest at my

school, Carnegie Elementary School, for Native American Month, and finishing off the month my family and I traveled back home for the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

In December I returned for the annual Christmas dinner and program. I sang at the Christmas Program "My Savior, My God," which I love to sing. Lastly, I attended the Denver March Powwow and was able to meet our Southern Ute Tribal Council and Colorado dignitaries at the State Capitol and Governor's Residence.

Since returning back home to our Ute homeland, I am now attending Ignacio Elementary School and readjusting to meeting new friends and hanging out with my cousins Tauri and Zachary Raines and Eufemia Pardo.

Until I report again, may the Lord watch over each and every one of you.

Togiak,

Alexandria Lou-Marini Roubideaux "Autumn Moon" Jr. Miss Southern Ute 2013-14

Generations of warriors meet



courtesy Rod Grove

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association pose for a photo with George T. Joe Sakato, a World War II veteran and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, at the 42nd annual United Veterans Committee of Colorado Awards Banquet on Sunday, March 30 at the Renaissance Denver Hotel in Denver. Pictured (left to right): Rod Grove, Sakato, Larry Tucker and Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman and former Chairman Howard D. Richards Sr.

Southern Ute Tribe upcoming cultural dates

- **May 23 – 26:** Southern Ute Bear Dance
- **May 26:** Bear Dance Feast
- **May 26:** Southern Ute tribal offices closed (Memorial Day)
- **May 23 – 24:** Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow
- **July 10 – 14:** Southern Ute Sun Dance
- **July 14:** Sun Dance Feast
- **July 14:** Southern Ute tribal offices closed
- **Sept. 12-14:** Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow

Southern Ute Tribal Members

Spring Produce Sale!!

Look for the Sale Information in today's Drum!!

Sale begins April 4th and runs through April 18th.

Delivery date is scheduled for April 25th.

Contact us at 970-563-0220 to place your order or stop by our booth location during the General Meeting on the 10th to place your order!!

The Agriculture Division

Elders, if you pay at the time of your order,

Elder Services will pick up your order and deliver it!

Please let us know when you place your order!!

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum hours

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum will be open weekdays only, Tuesday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Memorial Day weekend. School groups can call to book tours at 970-563-9583 for April and May. The permanent gallery exhibits just underwent upgrades and repairs with all interactive videos now fully operational.



SCORING NIGHT

TRIBAL MEMBERS COME AND HAVE YOUR TROPHY OFFICIALLY SCORED

Thursday, April 10th
6:00pm

Sky Ute Casino Events Center
John S. Williams Room (Banquet Room 1)



Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management
(970)563-0130



2014 Southern Ute Bear Dance

May 23 & 24, 2014

POWWOW

Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Ignacio, Colorado

Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies: Jerry Bear - Grantsville, UT
Drum Judge: Quinsh LaRose - Charleston, RI
Arena Director: Bruce LeClaire - Durango, CO
Host Southern Drum: Southern Style - Farmington, NM
Host Northern Drum: Hall Creek - Taos, NM
Gourd Dance Drum: Southern Mountain - Towaoc, CO
Head Gourd Dancer: Andrew Frost - Ignacio, CO
Head Man/Woman: Picked Daily

Friday - May 23, 2014

8 PM: Registration Open
9 - 6:30 PM: Gourd Dance Session
7 PM: Grand Entry

Saturday - May 24, 2014

11 AM - 12:30 PM: Gourd Dance Session
12 PM: Registration Closed
1 PM & 7 PM: Grand Entry

Contest Payouts Over \$23,000!

Golden Age, Adult, Junior and Teen categories
Tiny Tot (5 & under)

Arts and Crafts Booths

Contact Dasha Weaver at 970-759-0602

For More Information

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www.southernute-nm.gov/culture/bear-dance

powwow@southernute-nm.gov

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds is not responsible for accidents, injuries, and theft. Alcohol and drugs prohibited.

SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE

MAY 23-26, 2014

IGNACIO, COLO

BEAR DANCE CHIEF - MATTHEW BOX

2ND CHIEFS - JAKE RYDER AND JOHN CHAVARRILLO

BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING

10:30 A.M. FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014

BEAR DANCE FEAST

12 P.M. MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014

BEAR DANCE GROUNDS

NO SHORT DRESSES OR BAGGY PANTS WHILE DANCING. PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IS PROHIBITED, EXCEPT BY MEMBERS OF THE UTE TRIBES. THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES OR THEFT. THE PINE RIVER IS RESTRICTED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 970-563-0100 EXT 3624.



SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



SUNUTE CLOSURES IN APRIL FOR FLOOR RESURFACING

Please be advised that we have firmed up our dates for the gym/group exercise closure as well as the entire facility closure in April due to our gym resurfacing project. The entire project will take approximately 14 days to complete beginning April 7 with a reopening on April 21.

Following is a breakdown as to what parts of the facility will be closed and when.

- **April 7 – 20:** The entire gym will be closed to apply new lines, new coating and cure time.
- **April 12 – 20:** Group exercise room will be closed to apply new coating and cure time.
- **April 13 – 16:** The entire facility will be closed due to the potential heavy fumes from the application process. HVAC

system will also be down, so there is no air movement during this time for proper application of the floor finish.

EASTER CLOSURE

SunUte will be closed Sunday, April 20. SunUte will resume regular business hours on Monday, April 21 at 6 a.m.

BOULDERING IN DALLA MOUNTAIN PARK

Exciting half day spent hiking & climbing around the rocks at Dalla Park near Junction Creek Saturday, April 19. We will be departing SunUte at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 per child and free for Tribal Members. Register at SunUte front desk no later than April 18. First come, first serve. Open to middle school age and older. Must have a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 15.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Employee health insurance premium reimbursement

Staff report
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In December 2013, as part of the Tribal Member Health Benefit Plan, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved the reimbursement of premiums on employer-based health insurance for Southern Ute tribal members.

The reimbursement is for medical insurance only at this time. The new benefit is available to tribal members who are enrolled in a qualified employer-sponsored health insurance plan. For those tribal members, the tribe offers a reimburse-

ment for the premium that is withheld from members' paychecks on a bi-weekly or monthly basis.

To qualify for the reimbursement, the member must have a deduction taken from their paycheck for their cost share of the premium paid and provide a plan document to the Tribal Health Department for review.

To be reimbursed, the member must submit the Health Premium Reimbursement Form, available through the Tribal Health Department with the required information. Reimbursements are issued after the second week of the

month for requests received before the end of the prior month.

Any premiums paid for health insurance after Oct. 1, 2013, can be reimbursed. Requests for reimbursement can be submitted any time during the year, but payments will only be reimbursed on a retrospective basis. Requests for reimbursement can include one month, one quarter, or the full year.

For more information or for copies of the reimbursement forms, please contact either Erika Atencio or Misha Weaver at Tribal Health Department at 970-563-4742.

SUIMA

Students get peer advice

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Four Southern Ute students planning to transition from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to public school this fall received an insider's look at what to expect on Friday, March 28 from two peers who did it last year.

Ignacio Middle School students Lakota Two Crow and Dustin Sanchez provided the benefit of their experience, which included which cafeteria food to avoid, how to maintain an organized locker, and tips for staying out of detention.

On the receiving end of their advice during a luncheon at the Sky Ute Casino Resort were Randy Herrera, Ocean Hunter, Jonas Nanaeto and Lonicia O'John.

"It's way different from the classrooms at SUIMA, because you guys get away with almost everything you do that's wrong," Two Crow joked. "You can't have that much fun in the classrooms, because the teachers will get mad at you."

Sanchez lauded the middle school for its vending machines, and Two Crow gave the students an overview of class lengths, breaks, and start and stop times.

Giving a parent's perspective was Trennie Collins, Two Crows's mother.

"I love that the public school offers rewards as far as honor roll and attendance," she said. "It's been a great experience for me and Lakota."

To wrap up the event, Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto welcomed the incoming students.

"It's great to have this transition so we can welcome the new students," he said. "We ask that you get involved in different activities, clubs, sports. That's what keeps you out of trouble."

Leonard C. Burch art and literacy winners

High School (9th-12th grades)

1st Art: Gabriela Garcia (12th grade)
1st Essay: Joseph Herrera
2nd Essay: Charles Rohde
3rd Essay: Austin McCaw

Elementary (4th-5th grade)

1st: Avaleena Nanaeto
2nd: Eli Pratchett
3rd: Mandi Henderson

Middle School (6th-8th grades)

1st: Makayla Howell
2nd: Clay Campbell
3rd: Randy Herrera (SUIMA)

Elementary (K-3rd grades)

1st: Katerie Lang- 3rd grade
2nd: Kyle Rima- 3rd grade
3rd: Ever Rubio- 3rd grade

LCB winners photos at www.sudrum.com

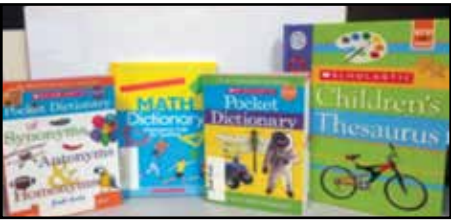
"Mystery Word"

Sponsored By Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Recently, Ms. Carol Olguin presented a set of reference materials to each SUIMA family for use at home. These reference materials included: Pocket Dictionary, Math Dictionary, Children's Thesaurus, and Dictionary of Synonyms, Antonyms and Homonyms. Ms. Mari Jo Owen's Upper Elementary classroom of 4th, 5th and 6th year students did a Dictionary lesson which included finding a "Mystery Word" for families to figure out at home using the dictionary sets that Ms. Carol gave them.

THE CLUES FOR TODAY'S MYSTERY WORD ARE:

1. Use the Pocket Dictionary
2. Turn towards the back of the "N" section.
3. This word means a short tube or opening on a house or pipe.



(Clues by Jonas Nanaeto, 6th year)
Here is the SCRAMBLED answer. (zonlez)
Did you get it?

RISE to the occassion



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio Middle School eighth-grader Kruz Pardo receives a RISE Award from teacher Daven Reinhardt for his athletic ability in physical education Friday, 28 at the Ignacio Middle School. RISE stands for Respect, Integrity, Safety and Effort.

Sudden Science and STEM schedules

STEM (Grades 3-5)

April 30 Last class

Sudden Science (Grds. 3-5)

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Elementary host bike rodeo



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Students of Ignacio Elementary School were treated with a bicycle rodeo sponsored by Gray Matters Regional Medical Center on Friday, March 28. The event took place to ensure students are aware of bicycle safety. Included in the lecture were members of the Durango Police Department, who provided help to the young riders. Students who owned their own bikes received free helmets from the event organizers.

More bike rodeo photo coverage online at www.sudrum.com

EDUCATION UPDATE

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

1. Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2. Deserving
3. A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
4. Interest in continuing his or her education
5. Interest in serving the Tribe and the community
6. Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Dept. of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. by 5 p.m.

on Friday, May 16 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

PINE RIVER COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER CLASSES

• Learn to dance Salsa

There will be three Monday evening dance sessions, April 7, 14 and 21, at the Bayfield Senior Center, 111 South West Street, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Fee is \$80 per person or \$150 per couple, maximum of 20 people. Register by Friday, April 4 at 12 p.m. Information and registration, call 970-563-0681.

• Beginning photography

Pine River Learning Center in Bayfield, 54 Mill Street, April 17, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fee is \$25. Register on or before April 17. Information and registration, call 970-563-0681.



IHS BASEBALL

Finding the swing of things

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to assemble but one run – Bo Ward, brought in by the bat of Clayton Jefferson – in their last action before Spring Break, Ignacio Baseball may have fallen 11-1 to the 3A Bloomfield, N.M., JV on March 28, but will still go into their 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opener a competitive 3-2 overall.

Competitive in that the Bobcats have managed just Ward's scratch in their losses (a 10-0 blanking by 3A Shiprock, N.M., being the other), but 46 in their victories – a 13-10 come-from-behind stunner over the 4A Farmington, N.M., C-team on the March 20 Opening Day, an 8-7 escape from the 4A Durango C-team on day three, and a thorough 25-3 battering of non-league 2A Sargent on March 25.

In the three third-tier "Silver Bracket" games at the Piedra Vista (Farmington, N.M.) Panther Invitational, the run downpour in the moisture-craving San Luis Valley, and the lopsided loss on Bobcat Field, there is a key commonality.

All have been away from SunUte Field. That situation is slated to change April 8, when Dove Creek comes calling. The Bulldogs stood 2-4 overall before scheduled action at home on April 1 against 3A Pagosa Springs (which stood 3-2), and on April 3 at Shiprock (which stood 8-1, but not yet ranked in the New Mexico Overtime Sports Center Coaches' Poll). Highlights from Ignacio's



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Rain Rosa (4) flings a pitch to a Sargent Farmer during road action out in the rural San Luis Valley on March 25. Rosa earned the win on the mound, and also registered 5 RBI – despite batting ninth in the order – to help the Bobcats blast SHS 25 to 3.

explosion at Farmer Field included sophomore pitcher Rain Rosa initially taking the mound already with a 7-0 lead, earning the win after working 2.1 innings (allowing three runs on as many hits and striking out two), and driving in five runs on three-for-five batting. With two runs scored himself. From the ninth slot in Lupe Huerta's batting order, to boot.

Starting catcher Iaasic Pena finished 3-4 and was beamed once, homered once, scored four times and plated three to pace Ignacio's regulars. Short-stop Tucker Ward scored four times on 3-4 batting with 2 RBI, second baseman Anthony Manzanares went 4-5 with three runs and two ribbies, and third baseman Bo Ward (2.2 IP, 0 R, H, 0 BB, 3 K pitching in relief) scored thrice after hitting 1-3 with two walks.

Ignacio slammed the door on Sargent for good with 11 runs in the top of the fifth, in which Huerta was able to empty his

bench and enjoy the reserves' production off SHS relievers John Cheslock (2.1 IP, 11 R, 7 H, 3 BB, 2 K) and Kenon Miner (0.2 IP, 3 R, 3 H, 2 K, 2 HB).

Timmy Plehinger, for example, reached on an error, singled and doubled, scored twice and plated three after spelling starting outfielder Adam Herrera, and Javan Webb went 1-2 with a walk, two runs and two RBI after replacing Adison Jones at first. Joe Herrera went 1-2 with a run and two RBI in place of leadoff man Antonio Torres.

Michael Ulibarri (2 IP, 11 R, 10 H, 4 BB, 4 K) took the loss for SHS, which played the game during its own Spring Break and was lacking a few components including senior Nate Ramirez.

"We knew we could get our bats rolling; it was just a matter of getting our defense together," Pena said. "That's where we're going to win is our defense. If we keep it up, we're going to be pretty good."

IHS TRACK

Track breaks out at Icebreaker

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Already doubling up on her springtime extracurricular activities as part of Lady Bobcat soccer, young Rachel Cooper boldly attempted to do prior to Spring Break what none seemingly could hope to do: Upset 3A Bayfield senior Eva-Lou Edwards in the 3,200-meter run.

It didn't happen, but the freshman's 13:49.32 not only earned Ignacio some morale-boosting points – none were scored at the March 8 season-opening Early Bird, hosted by 4A Farmington, N.M., and the next weekend's Piedra Vista Invitational in Farmington yielded few – but also kept her close to Edwards' running mate Aubree Lorenzen, who clocked a 13:42.25.

Edwards, meanwhile, was already long gone in just 11:48.69, in one of the prime highlights of the 2014 Aztec (N.M.) Icebreaker, held March 21 inside chilly Fred Cook Memorial Stadium.

Another was Ignacio's Klayson Smith. Picking up where he left off in 2013, Smith cleared a winning 6-foot-2 in the high jump, with Nick Herrera also scoring points with his 5-foot-8.

There weren't many more to be had, however, as the Bobcats' accumulated 19 landed them ninth out of 11 squads, while the Lady Bobcats' eight landed them 11th out of 13.

Aztec won the girls' title with 111 points, PV was a distant second with 82 and Durango was even further back in a tie – equaling Farmington – for third with 54. Farmington topped the boys' table with 94 points, followed by in-town 4A rivals PV (89) and DHS (51).

Ignacio's 4x200 relay boys – Wyatt Hayes, Christian Knoll, Mike Perez, Smith – posted a third-place

run in 1:39.17, not even two full tenths of a tick behind Valley neighbors BHS as all Colorado crews took their first shots at registering state-qualifying figures.

Hayes also scored by taking fourth in the long jump (19 feet, 5 inches). Perez leapt 16 feet, 6 inches, and also laid down a 17.91 in the 110-meter hurdles. Knoll ran a 54.98 in the 400, and also cleared 10 feet in the pole vault.

Hayes also hopped, skipped, and jumped a 37-foot-7 in the triple, close to in-state familiars Liam O'Neil (37-foot-10) of Durango and 3A Pagosa Springs' Mason Chronowski (38-foot-7). Chase Sanchez (32-foot-10), Keith Joosten (31-foot-11.5) and Tyler Riepel (30-foot-1.5) also competed in the event.

Joosten (9-foot-6) also took part in the pole vault, while Kelton Richmond heaved the shot 36 feet, 11.5 inches and launched the discus 106 feet, 1 inch. As Ignacio's only short-sprinter, Isaiah Harrison clocked a 12.76 in the 100 meters, and ran 27.45 in the 200.

For the Lady Cats, the 4x2 of Jaylynn Rose Herrera, DaShona Lloyd, Alejandra Lujan and Azala Perez was solid with a fourth-place 1:55.89 – nearly five seconds faster than Bayfield, and fastest amongst the meet's entered Colorado schools.

The 4x100 relay ran a 55.95 – reportedly third-quickest amongst in-staters – and the 1,600-meter medley posted a 5:26.45. Individually, Perez ran a 15.26 in the 100, trailing teammate Savannah Turner (14.42), amongst others, and in the 400 Isis Gonzales (1:14.12) and Sharmaine Price (1:16.20) were Ignacio's top finishers.

High-stepping through the 100-meter hurdles were Veronica Gonzales (20.98) and

Jerica Jackson (23.62), with Jayce Stricherz completing the 300-meter version in 59.08 seconds. In the field events, Amya Bison (13-foot-9.25) and Herrera (11-foot-4.5) represented IHS in the long jump, but the team had no presence in the triple – both being specialties of on-the-mend Sky Cotton.

Jackson (4-foot-4), Lujan (4-foot-2) and Annika Zschiegner (4-foot-2) gave the high jump their respective bests, with Stricherz (6-foot-6), Chrystianne Valdez (6-foot-6) and July Stricherz (6-foot) doing so in the pole vault. Finally, thrower Alana Watts sent the shot 26 feet, 4 inches down range, and hurled the javelin – a still-emerging attraction in Centennial State circles – 80 feet, 3 inches.

The Bobcats will next compete at the Bayfield Quad on Saturday, April 5, and return to Wolverine Country Stadium on April 12 for the IHS/BHS co-hosted Abel Velasquez Invitational.

Icebreaker results

BOYS: 1. Farmington (N.M.) 94, 2. Farmington Piedra Vista 89, 3. Durango 51, 4. Aztec (N.M.) 45, 5. Bayfield 43, 6. Kirtland (N.M.) Central 37, 7. Bloomfield (N.M.) 35, 8. Pagosa Springs 22, **9. IGNACIO 19**, 10. Farmington Navajo Prep 9, 11. Mancos 3.

GIRLS: 1. Aztec (N.M.) 111, 2. Farmington Piedra Vista 82, T-3. Durango/ Farmington 54, 5. Bayfield 35, T-6. Dove Creek/ Bloomfield (N.M.) 24, 8. Kirtland (N.M.) Central 23, 9. Pagosa Springs 18, 10. Dolores 10, **11. IGNACIO 8**, 12. Mancos 7, 13. Farmington Navajo Prep 4.

SunUte hosts MAYB tourney



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Cameron Doybi looks for the open man. The Southwest Diamonds placed third in the fourth-and-fifth-grade division of the MAYB tournament on March 22 at the SunUte Community Center.

Soccer: It's a kick



Robert L Ortiz/SU Drum

DJ Hendren has his eyes set on the ball and a goal in mind as he intercepts the ball during soccer action Saturday, March 29 in Bayfield. The bayfield youth soccer games have begun with action every Saturday.

Olympians encourage perseverance



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Olympian biathlete sisters Tracy and Lanny Barnes paid a visit to Ignacio Middle School on Thursday, March 20 to discuss with the students reaching personal goals. The twins shared their history with the students, including their training for Nordic skiing and their experience at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. They showcased their gear and conducted an outdoor activity involving cross-country skiing.

More olympians photo coverage online at www.sudrum.com

Kickin' it into high gear



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Jasmine Red (6) clears a ball out of danger as teammates Sierra Cuthair (17) and Shannon Mestas (9) make sure Bayfield's Meaghan Mooney (12) is no longer a factor.



Notices

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April 4, 2014



COMMUNITY GREETINGS

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Under the Tribe's Land Code, any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member, 18 years of age or older is eligible to apply for a Tribal land assignment. Interested Tribal members must submit the following information to the SUT Lands Division: name, census number, address, and completed land assignment application or lease request. Lands Division will review the eligibility requirements for an assignment or lease. The home owner will be determined by a "drawing" process. Neither tribal staff nor Tribal Council will determine who is selected. Rather, the "luck of the draw" will decide. After the 30-Day posting period, a drawing date will be scheduled (approximately two weeks later). At that time, two eligible Tribal Members' name will be drawn. If the primary

Tribal member declines to buy the home, the other drawn Tribal member may buy the home. You may submit your information to buy the home or object over the potential assignment of the land by mail at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by calling the Lands Division at 970-563-0126. Staff is available by appointment to show the home. Call the Lands Division at 563-0126 or the Housing Department at 563-4710 to schedule a time to see the property. Tribal members seeking financial assistance may contact Tribal Credit at 970-563-0100. Homeowner will be responsible for snowplowing and water delivery.

Posting Date: March 27, 2014
Closing Date: April 28, 2014

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - SOCIAL SERVICES Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection, have

no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim, is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years, is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2424.

SUNUTE RECREATION PRESENTS

Youth Volleyball Summer Camp 2014

JUNE

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9 Ages 7-9 Team1 vs Team2 Game 5:15pm	10 Ages 10-12 Team1 vs Team2 Game 5:15pm	11 Ages 7-9 Team1 vs Team2 Game 5:15pm	12 Ages 10-12 Team1 vs Team2 Game 5:15pm

Who:
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Craps Dealer – Full-time

Closing date 4/11/14
Deals all craps games. Promotes positive guest relations through prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School/GED. 1 year experience as a Craps Dealer with dealer school certification or 3 years experience dealing Craps, or Sky Ute Casino dealer certificate. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in Craps.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Driver – Road Runner at SUCAP

Open until filled
Part-time driver with current CDL, medical card, and passenger endorsement preferred. High School Diploma/GED required. Must be insurable by SUCAP. Must submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. Must be able to pass drug/alcohol test, background check.

Ticket Agent – Road Runner Stage Lines

Open until filled
Perfect part-time job for early risers. Ticket agents needed for Road Runner Stage Lines at Durango Transit Center from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. three to four days per week. Will be

responsible for opening and operating our ticket counter, selling tickets, accepting credit cards, cash payments, and reconciling and submitting paperwork. HS diploma or equivalent required. Should have customer service, cash handling, and credit card experience. Must pass drug/alcohol test and background checks.

Assistant Janitor - SU Montessori Head Start

Open until filled
Part-time ground maintenance and repair. High School diploma/GED and 1 year experience preferred. Must be able to operate equipment and tools, able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Must pass background checks.

**SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM
Board of Directors Vacancy**

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer

recruitment skills. For more information, please call (970) 563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted in person to SUCCM or by mail at PO Box 737 #95 Ignacio, CO 81137.



Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

Applications are available at www.bgcsu.org

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Building Maintenance Electrician

Closing date 4/4/14
Repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical and electrical equipment in Tribal buildings, troubleshooting and correcting safety hazards. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

Tribal Member Financial Specialist

Closing date 4/4/14
Processes tribal distributions monthly and minor distributions as required. Generates and insures appropriate distribution of tribal distribution and minor's distribution checks. Facilitates fiscal interactions with the tribal membership including tribal member repayment agreements, income verification requests from tribal members, and support financial literacy and education initiatives for the members. Performs all related process duties as necessary. Manages all interactions with a high degree of professionalism and excellent customer service. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

Central Supply Clerk

Closing date 4/11/14
Under general supervision of the Purchasing Manager, assisting the Central Supply Technician with the supply room and Central Receiving. This includes assisting with maintenance of supply room inventory, processing and distributing supply room orders, and processing and distributing shipments received through Central Receiving. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

Lower Elementary Teacher – Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Closing date 4/11/14
Professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. The pay for this position is dependent upon education and experience, starting at \$31,424 for BA+0.

Grounds Maintenance Worker

Closing date 4/14/14
Performs daily grounds, repair and maintenance of the tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Closing date 4/14/14
Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Human Resources Director

Closing date 4/25/14
Under general direction of the Executive Officer, is responsible for management of the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Division, and the Risk and Emergency

Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Human Resources Department. Day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors. Pay grade 26; \$159,905/year.

Clinical Information Technologist

Open until filled
Under general direction of the Management Information Systems Director serves as the clinical information technologist and chief software architect for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 23; \$65,584/year.

Chief Medical Officer – Tribal Health Clinic

Open until filled
Organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met. Provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. Providing both direct patient care services as well as all required administrative services within the department with a split of approximately half of the time being allotted to each clinical and administrative duties.

Family Practice Physician

Open until filled
Providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Youth In Natural Resources Crew Members

(4) – Native youth only
Closing date 5/16/14
Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) is an environmental educational program provided by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The mission of YNR Program is to foster an interest in and sense of stewardship toward our natural resources by providing an environmental education component and opportunities for summer employment in natural resource management. Through the program, participants receive hands-on work experience, environmental education, and field trip opportunities. Temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other individuals enrolled in other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. YNR Crew Members are assembled into a 4 person crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. Performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management. Pay grade 11; \$10/hour. The work season is from June to August.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY JOB POSITIONS

Multi-Purpose/Chapel Facilities Operations Manager

Closing date 4/15/14
Directs operations and internal coordination of Multi-Purpose Facility, Memorial Chapel, and Ute Park activities. Provides a central contact in coordinating activities occurring in the facilities from various departments, developing marketing, special events, special projects and public relations. Formulates and oversees operational procedures, scheduling of activities and inventory management. Pay grade 19; \$42,932/year.

Apprentice Tribal Planner

Closing date 4/18/14
This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the processes involved with Tribal Planning. Pay rate \$28.72/hour. (20% under the minimum of the position, eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to the minimum of Grade 24- \$35.90/hr.)

Apprentice Family Court Therapist

Closing date 4/18/14
This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the processes involved with clinical assessment and case management for family court cases in the Tribal Court system. Pay rate \$23.20/hour (20% under the minimum of the pay grade of the position, eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to the minimum of grade 22; \$29/hour.)

Apprentice Director of Division of Gaming

Closing date 4/18/14
This Apprentice Program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member

with a desire to learn the processes involved with administering gaming on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The pay grade for this position is 20% BELOW PAY MINIMUM OF GRADE 24 (\$28.72/hour), eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to the minimum of grade 24 (\$35.90/hour.)

Summer Youth Employment Program Workers

Open until filled
Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June 16 to August 1, 2014, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence. Pay rate is \$9/hour, or \$9.50/hour, for returning youth employment workers.

Team Jobs Program

Continuously open
Temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. Pay is set at the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$11/hour.

Trainee Natural Resources Assistant

Open until filled
Provides an opportunity for a Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member to become proficient in a support role in field-work and clerical services for Natural Resources divisions. Pay grant is \$11.59/hour, eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to final pay rate of grade 14; \$13/hour.

FOR SALE

Brand NEW home on 1.4 acres outside Ignacio. 1540 sq-ft, 3b/2b. Owner financing available. \$269K. 970-749-6646.

HELP WANTED

High Plains Nursery. Work with nursery plants. Full and part-time positions available. Call 970-764-5999.



Queensryche invades Ignacio with 'Mindcrime'



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Hard rock fans of all ages gathered inside the Events Center as the heavy sounds of guitars, drum beats, and the thunderous cheers of die-hard concertgoers filled the room.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Aaron Torres chats with Geoff Tate, lead singer and founding member of the band Queensryche during the after-concert meet-and-greet. Carlos Whiteman, (center) and others await their chance to get an autograph from Geoff. Queensryche played at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center, Saturday, March with support from Hurricane.

More Queensryche photo and video coverage online at www.sudrum.com

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, April 4



Mostly sunny 53°F

Saturday, April 5



Chance rain/snow 53°F

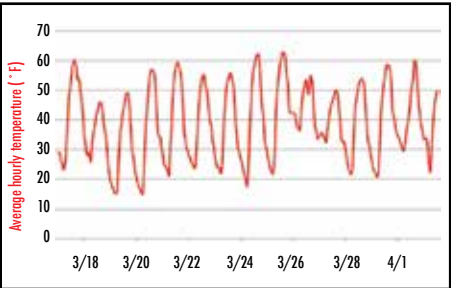
Sunday, April 6



Chance rain 54°F

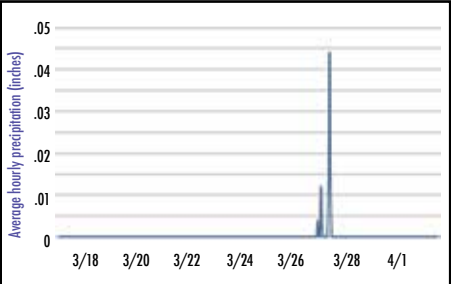


Weather data for March 17 – April 2



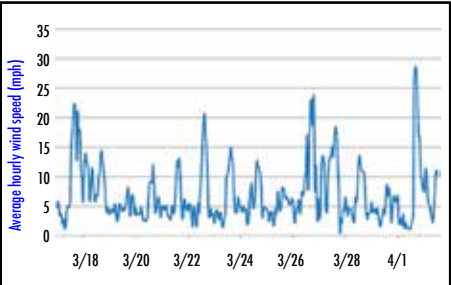
Temperature

High	62.7°
Low	15.0°
Average	39.1°
Average last year	39.3°



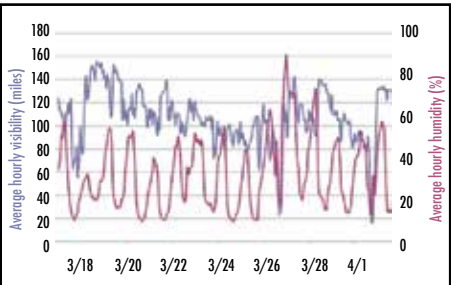
Precipitation

Total	0.088"
Total last year	0.040"



Wind speed

Average	7.0
Minimum	0.5
Maximum	28.6



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	106.5
Average humidity	32.7%

Air quality

Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov



Annual Spring Clean-Up April 21 – April 26

All Tribal Rental Occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and BAG THE TRASH for pick up. Tribal Members please make private arrangements to deliver FURNITURE, MAJOR APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL, AND LUMBER to the Transfer Station or call Emergency Family Services at 563-0100 Ext. 2329 to be put on the list for pick up. ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA FOR PICK UP.

*** Elders and Handicapped Tribal Members who may need assistance, Please Contact Construction Services 563-0260

OLD VEHICLE REMOVAL – Contact Building Maintenance at 563-0265 regarding any old vehicles needing to be removed, please provide title to old vehicles.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIAL – Contact Peter Dietrich at Environmental Programs Division at 563-0135 for disposal of hazardous waste.

UPPER AND LOWER TRIBAL, AND BIA CAMPUS AREA – All Tribal, BIA, HIS, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start, and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash; call Building Maintenance at 563-0265 and Grounds Maintenance at 563-0272.

SUIHA - All Southern Ute Public Housing and Senior Center residents are requested to clean up their areas. SUIHA homeowners, renters, and Senior Center are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority at 563-4575. Ignacio Peak, Jefferson Drive, Sunset Circle, Northridge, South end Housing Authority units, Shoshone Apartments, Shoshone Houses, Senior Center.

PROPERTY & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT - (Building Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance & Motor Pool) Tribal homes located North of HWY 172 and West of the Pine River. Motor Pool is 563-0280. Building Maintenance is 563-0265. Grounds Maintenance 563-0272. Tribal Homes located at Cedar Point East & West, including Ignacio Peak.

TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES: (Wood Yard) Tribal homes East of the Pine River, North and South of HRY 151 to Arboles. Contact Construction Services at 563-0260.



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